

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-111

December 29, 1999

MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Offer Bidding Procedure

ORDER ADOPTING
STANDARD OFFER
CONTRACT

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On December 22, 1999, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) filed an executed standard offer contract with Energy Atlantic, LLC.

CMP indicated that the contract contains the following modifications to CMP's standard offer standard form contract.

- Section 3. The scheduled expiration date of the contract has been changed from February 28, 2001 to February 28, 2002.
- Section 6.10. A provision has been added requiring the Provider to provide all of the data necessary for the utility to produce and distribute information disclosure labels.
- Section 7.4. A section has been added stating the utility's obligation to send information disclosure labels to Standard Offer customers. This requirement was previously contained in CMP's Exhibit A.
- Section 13. The language of this section has been revised. The previous language stipulated that the utility's fees would not be changed during the term of the contract. The language has been revised, in light of the 2-year contract term, to state that the fees charged to the Provider will not change during the term of the contract. The new language would not necessarily prohibit the utility from changing the fees charged to other Providers (with Commission approval).
- Exhibit A – Net Energy Billing. This language has been modified to conform to the applicable Commission rules.
- Exhibit A – Standard Offer Rate Classes. The language regarding the Medium Non-Residential class has been modified to reflect the fact that the customer's maximum demand may not exceed 399 kW more than once in any 12-month period. This is consistent with the definition used for T&D rate purposes (the previous language stated that demands could not exceed 399 kW even once).

- Exhibit A – Cost of Uncollectibles. In light of the two-year duration of the contract, a provision has been added to indicate that allowances for uncollectible accounts may be reviewed annually by the MPUC, and may be adjusted (if the Commission decides to do so) in conjunction with a corresponding adjustment in the Standard Offer price.
- Several non-substantive editorial modifications have also been made, especially in Exhibit B and the Load Obligation and Settlement Calculations section of Exhibit A.

Chapter 301 requires standard offer providers and utilities to enter a standard form contract approved by the Commission. Ch. 301, §§ 3(B)(5), 5(D). By Orders issued July 19, 1999 and August 2, 1999 in Docket No. 99-170, the Commission adopted a standard offer standard form contract for each of the utilities. Chapter 322 provides that contracts between utilities and competitive electricity providers (including standard offer providers) that deviate from the Commission-approved standard form must be filed for approval. Ch. 322, § 10. Approval of such contracts is delegated to the Director of Technical Analysis.

Upon review, the standard offer contracts filed by CMP on December 22, 1999, are hereby approved.

BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Faith Huntington, Acting Director